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"Soviets of Workers Are a Higher Type of Democracy"—Lenin

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WORKERS INSURANCE BILL IN CAL. ASSEMBLY

Longshoremen, Other Unions Join Defense of C. S. Victims

A. F. L. LOCALS ANSWER APPEAL OF PRISONERS

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE CALLS MEET IN SAC. FEB. 2

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The appeal of the eighteen Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism victims, being widely mailed to all workers organizations, is bringing support to their fight for freedom and for repeal of the C. S. law under which the frame-ups are being attempted.

Full text of the Appeal of the 18 C. S. Prisoners appears on Page 4.

At their meeting last Monday night, Local 38-79 of the International Longshoremen's Association, read the appeal and answered by the election of three delegates to the statewide United Front Conference to be held Feb. 9-10 at Carpenters Hall, 112 Valencia St., San Francisco. This local, leader of the coast marine strike of last summer, has great prestige up and down the state and the action is of greatest importance in helping the campaign.

The I. L. A. will send a representative to the preliminary weekly conference being held Saturday mornings at the Conference for Labor's Civil Rights, 1005 Market St., Room 214.

Similar action was taken by the Machinists Local No. 68 who chose one delegate. The Scalers Local No. 38-100 has also elected two delegates.

Other responses to the appeal are expected at the office of the International Labor Defense, as soon as the various A. F. L. locals meet and can take action. The use of terrorization against workers, of which the C. S. frame-ups are a keystone example, is now being brought out in the Amador miners strike, making many of the A. F. L. workers realize the immediate need of a strong fight combatting the Criminal Syndicalism law.

With the introduction this week of a resolution in the Sacramento Legislature calling for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law now on the books, the fight will rally a wider support than ever before. All organizations, trade unions,

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AMADOR STRIKERS ANSWER THREATS OF VIGLANTES

JACKSON, Jan. 24.—"We do no approve of violence, but self-preservation is the first law of nature and hoodlums have threatened our lives. A vigilante is an outlaw."

Thus the striking miners of the Mother Lode country answered the threatened attack contained in the bulletin circulated last night by the gansters who are calling themselves the "Mother Lode Vigilante Committee."

Having failed with all other means—attempted starvation, raising of red scares, maneuvering through trying to put over agreements with officials which the rank and file would not accept, arbitration through the notoriously anti-labor Mayor Rossi, threats of flooding the mines rather than meet the demands—the bosses are trying to terrorize the miners into returning without winning their demands. The tactic was used extensively in agricultural strikes as well as the marine strike.

The strike is already in its thirteenth week and more than 500 strikers are strong in their determination not to return unless they get their demands for a living wage. Despite the increased price they are getting for gold now, the operators have preferred to try to starve out the whole community rather than give in, bringing the county to the verge of bankruptcy.

The "Vigilante" threat said in part: "From now on the vigilante

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Only United Front Can Spike Merriam Hunger Plan!

Merriam has read his budget message to the legislature—and the workers and small farmers of California face four years of hunger under a staggering burden of taxes!

Of the ten tax items in Merriam's plan to raise $107,300,000 for general government expenses (excluding unemployment relief funds), the largest single item is that of $42,000,000—31 per cent of the total sum—to be raised by increasing the sales tax to three per cent!

This arrogant demand, placing the burden of governmental expense on the unemployed and employed workers and small farmers, is made in face of the act passed two years ago which calls for a lowering of the sales tax to two per cent after June 30 of this year!

Merriam also calls for the raising of $47,300,000 for unemployment relief for a two-year period—but these funds are not to come out of the state's general funds. They are to be raised through specified additional consumers' taxes on such necessities as gas, electricity, water and other public utilities, which are expected to bring in one third of the total sum. Additional taxes on tobacco and gasoline—also calculated to hit the working class hardest—will net the remainder.

Funds for unemployment relief, therefore, are to be obtained by placing a consumers' tax on the products of a few trustified industries. The large monopoly industrialists will use this situation to attempt to divide the working class. They will "sympathize" with the resentment of the employed workers, and try to divert that resentment from the capitalist state through subtle attempt to channelize it against those on relief!

Merriam is given power to abrogate these taxes when he sees fit! When he "sees fit" to do so, the unemployed will be left to starve—for it is specifically provided that the state's general funds are not to be touched for unemployment relief!

In other words, if the power trusts and other trustified industries succeed in dividing the employed workers from those on relief, it will be "safe" to abrogate the taxes and leave the unemployed to shift for themselves; this is the fine strategy of Merriam and his monopolist masters!

Governor Merriam makes a fine show of pretending to economize (at the expense of the working class), except in one noteworthy instance, where he says "the cost of maintaining and administering a State Department of Public Safety will be more than justified by the results to be obtained."

Merriam calls for the creation of such a department to coordinate the activities of all police agencies—for the unadmitted but plain purpose of setting up more effective machinery to smash all attempts at working class struggles to gain better conditions!

Where now are Merriam's pious words against "intolerable" taxes, uttered in his inaugural address? His whole program constitutes the most viciously reactionary attack against the working class—exactly what the Communist Party declared it would be!

The one compelling lesson this teaches is the immediate and burning necessity of welding a strong working class united front against Merriam's despotic capitalist program!

What is your answer to this arrogant challenge, workers in trade unions, members of the Epic Leagues, the Utopian Society, the Socialist Party?

Four years of acute suffering face us unless we unite to defeat Merriam's hunger program!

CAPITOL HEARS REAL JOBLESS RELIEF MEASURE

STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANIZING FIGHT TO OPPOSE MERRIAM ATTACK

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 24.—The Workers' State Unemployment Insurance Bill was introduced today into the State Assembly now in session here by Assemblyman John B. Pelletier of Los Angeles.

It will be known as Assembly Bill 791.

Pelleter, who until recently was a longshoreman on the San Pedro waterfront last introduced a bill to aid Mooney's release.

A united front committee of ten, composed of rank and file A. F. of L. delegates, delegates from the Unemployed and Public Works Union and other worker's organizations carried the bill to Sacramento and with it the demands of hundreds of thousands of California workers for adequate social and unemployment insurance.

The introduction of the Workers' Bill 791 came on the heels of Gov. Merriam's vicious budget message to the California Legislature in which he proposed to foist upon the working class of the state an unbearable burden of increased sales tax upon food, clothing and utilities.

❖ Tax the Bosses.

Contrasted with Merriam's criminal proposal to force the already impoverished workers of California to pay for their own totally inadequate "relief," the Workers' Bill proposes to tax the wealthy employers who are backing Merriam. In place of a discriminatory and inadequate dole, it proposes a minimum of $10 per week for each unemployed and $3 per week for each dependent, regardless of age, color or political affiliation.

The fight for this bill, for which preparations are now being made up and down the state, will culminate in the State Unemployed Congress to be held at Sacramento March 10 and 11. United front conferences involving workers of every organization including American Federation of Labor locals, independent unions, EPIC Clubs and professional and fraternal organizations are being held or are planned for the near future in scores of California cities,

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STRIKE CALLS, MAIL BROUGHT INTO C.S. TRIAL

PROSECUTION ATTEMPTS TO DRAG IN NAMES OF MOVIE STARS

By Michael Quin.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 24.—The smoothly oiled frame-up machine by which Special Prosecutor McAllister hopes to railroad seventeen workers to the penetentiary hit a dangerous snag during the past two days.

Leo Gallagher, nIternational Labor Defense attorney demanded to see the letter linking Upton Sinclair with the Communist Party which the prosecution announced last August had been seized in the raid on a shack in Yolo County. A copy of this forgery addressed "Dear Al—" was turned over to the newspapers at that time with the statement that it had been found in Hougardy's suitcase. The wording of the letter, which reflected the most vicious kind of slander against the Party and was also designed to discredit Sinclair in the elections, was such that no person familiar with the revolutionary movement could fail to see through it.

Mention of the letter came up in Gallagher's cross questioning of Officer Russ who has been on the stand for almost six days identifying items of literature and documents seized in raids on the Workers' Book Shop last July and in Yolo County last August.

Under sharp questioning from Gallagher, Russ admitted he had

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HAUPTMANN GIVES HEARST PRESS NAME OF 4TH KIDNAPPER

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Jan. 20.—The Hearst-controlled N. Y. Mirror asserted today that Lieutenant-Commander Edward J. Reilly, former U. S. Secret Service agent, who is chief defense counsel for Bruno Hauptmann, Nazi adherent on trial for the murder of the Lindberg baby, has revealed to that paper the name of the "real" murderer.

Reilly named three of the four persons yesterday. They are, according to Reilly: Ollie Whately, Lindberg butler who died suddenly soon after the kidnaping; Violet Sharpe, Lindberg maid who committed suicide as she was about to be questioned by the police; and Isidor Fisch who died mysteriously in Germany last March. Reilly claims that the fourth person whom he charges with the kidnaping and murder of the Lindberg baby is alive. In accordance with his agreement with Hearst, the Hearst papers will publish the name on the day that Reilly makes the formal accusation in court. It is presumed that Hearst paid Reilly a handsome price for this service.

Another on the Hearst payroll is Samuel Leibowitz, renegade Scottsboro attorney who was hired by Hearst to help defend the Nazi Hauptmann. Leibowitz declared yesterday in the N. Y. Journal that: "The state has as yet produced nothing which by itself alone would definitely fasten the crime on Hauptmann!"

In striking contrast to the treatment accorded militant workers before capitalist courts of "justice," Hauptmann is being shown every courtesy and consideration.

Communist Party Legal in Cal., Appellate Court Decides

STATUS EQUALS REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, OPINION SAYS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—In a unanimous opinion, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has reversed vagrancy convictions of Harry Jackson, Elaine Black and Joseph Wilson, arrested last July here in the anti-red raids during maritime and general strikes.

"Our examination of the records convinces us however, that the defendants though charged with vagrancy on the two grounds already stated, were really convicted of Communism, nothwithstanding the fact that under the law of California communism as a political faith is not made a crime."

Jackson, Black and Wilson were arrested by Officer Engler of the Red Squad at Jackson's apartment in what the state admits was a "drive to round up all known radicals" and were convicted of vagrancy charges by a hand-picked jury in Municipal court here last August. At the time the arrest was made, the police had neither a search warrant to enter the apartment, nor a warrant for the arrest of any of the three workers.

The opinion, signed by Presiding Judge Walter Perry Johnson, and Judges James G. Conlan and C. J. Goddall, recognizes the legality of the Communist Party in California, and states that membership in the Party does not

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Decision On Mooney by U. S. Court Is Hit By Lincoln Steffens

By Lincoln Steffens.

The Supreme Court of the United States must believe in the law; even in California. It has decided, after study, that Tom Mooney is entitled to habeas corpus: "He should have his old body." That high court holds that the perjured testimony upon which he was railroaded is still perjured; time has not cured that, but that the State Supreme Court should review his case and do him justice, not the United States Supreme Court.

Mooney seems to believe that now at last, with this decision, he may get out. I don't. I think that Tom must be pretty innocent to think such a thought after all these years of experience with the law and our courts.

Is wasn't the law that "got" that old labor leader; is was business, the employers, and they were and they are after him for a crime—not murder; not breaking up a pro-war procession; not [illegible] to a patriotic folly—but a crime that he did commit (they don't mind little misdemeanors like murder and treason, they do worse themselves.) No, Tom Mooney was a loyal labor leader who caused business a lot of trouble and might make more. He was guilty of the same offense for which these seventeen workers are on trial in Sacramento. The Supreme Court of the United States may know the law theoretically but obviously it is not a practical body and the California Supreme Court is.

I think Mooney's body will stay in prison to rot with the seventeen and more labor agitators the state is preparing to ship off now on the same old railroad that landed Tom in the penitentiary a generation ago, unless workers wage an organized fight for their release.

ROOSEVELT BACKS HEARST IN DRIVE ON GUILD MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—Openly backing William Randolph Hearst, America's No. 1 working class enemy, President Roosevelt today attacked the National Labor Relations Board for daring to suggest that Hearst violated Section 7-A of the NRA Code when he fired Dean S. Jennings, re-write man on the San Francisco Call-Bulletin for his membership in the American Newspaper Guild.

Roosevelt told the chairman of the board, Francis Biddle, that the Newspaper Code is one of the few which contains provisions for a so-called "labor relations" board of its own and that the National Board therefore had no authority to act as it had in ordering the Call-Bulletin and Hearst to rehire the fired worker. "The National Labor Board must refuse to entertain labor complaints in industries which have independent code boards," Roosevelt said.

Members of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, a reactionary organization composed of arch "Red-haters" of the Hearst type, are reported as being "jubilant" over Roosevelt's latest action. Spokesmen for the Association declare the Jennings case already "has been thrown out the window."

Heywood Broun, president of the American Newspaper Guild, declared that it now "is impossible to dodge the fact that the newspaper publishers have cracked down on the President of the United States and that Franklin D. Roosevelt has cracked up."

C.S. REPEAL BILL IS INTRODUCED IN CALIF. ASSEMBLY

WORKERS URGED TO WRITE DEMANDING FAVORABLE ACTION

By Michael Quin.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 22.—A bill for the complete repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law was introduced into the California State Assembly by twenty-two Assemblymen yesterday.

This bill comes in violent conflict with the host of anti-working class bills, calling for a more stringent fascist suppression than the C. S. Law itself, which have already been introduced by the reactionary machine installed in the Legislature by California industrialists.

The most vigorous mass campaign ever carried out by California workers and sympathizers must be launched immediately on a four point program.

1. To defeat the fascist bills introduced and to assure the passage of the C. S. repeal bill.
2. To defeat the fake unemployment insurance bills introduced and to assure the passage of the real unemployment insurance bill to be presented by the workers themselves.
3. To smash the present Criminal Syndicalism frame-up which is being atempted against seventeen workers in the Sacramento courts.

❖ Repeal Sponsors.

The following Assemblymen endorsed the C. S. repeal bill introduced yesterday:

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2000 JOIN PARTY AT HUGE NEW YORK LENIN MEMORIAL

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 22.—Amid tremendous enthusiasm 2000 persons signed application cards to the Communist Party at a monster Lenin Memorial meeting held at Madison Square Garden here last night and attended by more than 20,000 people.

Comrade Earl Browder, general secretary of the C. P. U. S. A. was the main speaker. The 2000 application-signers repeated after him the words: "I pledge to remain at all times a vigilant and firm defender of the Leninist line of the Party—the only line that insures triumph of Soviet power in the United States."

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—More than 1800 workers and sympathizers attended the Lenin Memorial meeting held in the Mason Theater here Sunday night.

Lawrence Ross, co-editor of the Western Worker was the main speaker. John Leech also spoke and Ben Cooper spoke for the Young Communist Legue. Five Y. C. L. comrades were taken into the Communist Party.

FRESNO, Calif., Jan. 23.—Jerry Feingold spoke at the Lenin Memorial meeting held here Sunday night. The meeting was well attended. On Saturday night Comrade Feingold spoke at a meeting of small farmers and agricultural workers held at Kerman near here.

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 23.—Violet Orr, militant Communist

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MILITANT RANK AND FILE SLATE RUNS FOR S. F. LABOR COUNCIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Tomorrow night, Friday, for the first time in local labor history a strong rank and file slate will run for election to the Central Labor Council, the Executive Committee and Directors of the Labor Clarion. Voting will take place in the Labor Temple, 16th and Capp St., from 7 to 10 p. m.

Here is the Rank and File slate:

For President
HARRY BRIDGES, I. L. A. Local No. 38-79

For Vice President
HARRY HOOK, Machinists Local No. 68

For Secretary-Treasurer
JOHN McKELVEY, Waiters Local No. 30

For Executive Committee
LENA KLEIN, ILGWU Local No. 101
EMILE RABIN, Cleaners and Dyers Local No. 17960
HENRY SCHMIDT, ILA Local No. 3879
HARRY HOOK, Machinists No. 68
FRED WEST, Window Cleaners
JOHN BERNARD, Cooks Union No. 44
HARRY BRIDGES, ILA Local No. 3879
WM. SANDERS, Orn. Iron Workers No. 472
GEO. CASTLEMAN, Auto Mechanics No. 1305
JOHN McKELVEY, Waiters No. 30.

Directors of Labor Clarion (5 to be elected):
HENRY SCHMIDT, ILA No. 3879
H. MILLS, Sailors Union of the Pacific
WM. SANDERS, Orn. Iron and Structural Workers No. 472
W. J. SLATTERY, Machinists No. 68
EMILE RABIN, Cleaners and Dyers No. 1796

Organizing Commitee (nine to be elected):
GEO. CASTLEMAN, Auto mechanics No. 1305
FRED WEST, Window Cleaners
WM. SANDERS, Orn. Iron and Structural Workers
LENA KLEIN, ILGWU No. 101
JOSEPH WHITE, ILA 3879

New Deal Gives 'Security' After 43 Years' Wait

If you are a store clerk and if the boss is paying you as much as $100 per month, and if you will be 20 years old on January 1, 1937, here is how Wagner-Roosevelt-Wall Street proposed "social insurance" plan will work for you—if you continue to make $100 per month until 1982, when you are 65 years old:—if you live that long.

Every month for the first five years you will contribute 50 cents a month toward the fund; you will hand over $1 per month for the next five years and $1.50 a month for the next five years. You will pay in $2 a month for the next five years and $2.50 a month for the remaining twenty-five years. By this time you will have contributed $1025.

When you are 65 years of age you will draw a monthly pension not to exceed $40 a month for the rest of your life.

But insurance actuaries have figured out that the average young man of 20 may be expected to live just a little less than a year beyond 65!

C. S. Scottsboro Protest Meeting To Be Held Friday

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Arrangements are proceeding for the mass meeting to be held tomorrow night in protest against the attempted frame-up of the eighteen Sacramento criminal syndicalism victims and calling for the release of the Scottsboro Negro boys.

The meeting, which will be held Friday, January 25, at Franklin Hall, 1895 Fillmore Street, will be addressed by the Rev. U. A. King of Oakland, James Branch and Lawrence Ross.

The meeting is being held under the auspices of the International Labor Defense. It is scheduled to begin at 8 p. m. Admission will be free.

"RESPONSIBILITY FOR MURDER OF KIROV MINE"— ZINOVIEV

MOSCOW, Jan. 25.—Crawling miserably in hopes of avoiding full punishment for their crimes, members of the "Moscow Center" and the "Leningrad Center," headed by Zinoviev and Kamenev, leader of the former Trotzkyite opposition and carrying out the counterrevolutionary Trotzkyite line made confessions of their counter-revolutionary acts, culminating in the assassination of Comrade Kirov. The nineteen were given comparatively light sentences, ranging from five to ten years.

Accepting the responsibility he could not dodge for the crime committed on Dec. 1st, Zinoviev stated:

"The progress of events is such that I must say with bowed head—the anti-Party struggle which had in former years exceptionally acute forms in Leningrad, could not but promote the degenerations of these rogues. This outrageous muder threw such an ominous light upon the whole previous anti-Party struggle that I recognize the Party is absolutely right in speaking of the political responsibility of the former anti-Party "Zinoviev" group for the muder committed."

Zinoviev, in pleading guilty, admitted his participation in the terrorist center.

❖ Kamenev Confesses

Kamenev, pleading guilty, admitted that until 1932 he participated actively in the counter-revolutionary underground activities of the "Moscow Center." and to this very date had not broken his connections with Zinoviev, He further stated:

"With lack of energy and activity, I did not fight against the demoralization which was the result of the struggle against the Party upon the grounds whereof the gang of bandits from the scum of former anti-Party organization could arise and carry out their crime."

These statements were supplemented by the confessions of the

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ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

White Guard Tries To Unite Workers Into Fascist Group

East of the Rockies

Start Subsistence Farms Near Factories

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—Secretary Ickes has announced the purchase by the government of forty-nine acres of land near Rochester, N. Y., to be used by the PWA in developing so-called "subsistence" farms for at least thirty New York families. In telling of the purchase Ickes declared that "the tract's nearness to Rochester and its industries will make possible a demonstration of that combination of payroll employment and part time gardening which is the central idea behind the subsistence homestead movement."

The purchasers of the "subsistence farms" (forced Labor projects) are to work in the factories at the lowest possible wage and will be expected to provide the living their wages will not furnish by working in their "spare time" at growing food for themselves and their families.

November Farm Income Lower

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—The amount of cash income from sales of farm products was 37 per cent lower in November than it was in October. The decrease in November was more than the usual seasonal decline, Washington officials were forced to admit. Income from crops usually drops about 27 per cent in November but this year the decline was 37 per cent. Exclusive of sales of cattle and sheep to the government, the November figure was $488,000,000 compared with $630,000,000 in October and $512,000,000 in November of 1933.

Pickets Demand Rakosi Freedom

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Marching in near-zero weather, 10 anti-fascist workers picketed the Hungarian Consulate here in protest against the frame-up of Matthias Rakosi, famous Hungarian anti-fascist leader who has suffered more than nine years' imprisonment at the hands of the Goembocs dictatorship.

Time and again the police attacked the picket-line and detectives and police surrounded the Consulate. The demonstrating workers insisted their demands be heard and the consul finally was forced to admit a delegation of two.

Unions Rap Deportations

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 24.—A resolution demanding the release of foreign-born and other workers threatened with deportation because of their militant working class activities was adopted at a mass meeting here last week in which 265 delegates representing 215 trade unions and other organizations participated.

Plans were formulated for a united front fight against the persecution of the militant foreign-born workers and their deportation as a weapon to break strikes and crush the struggles of the working class. The conference was held under the auspices of the National Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

AIDED BY TWO EX-SOCIALIST PARTY HEADS

NEW RACKET WOULD JOIN REACTIONARIES OF MANY GROUPS

By Harold J. Ashe.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—"Crusaders of the Common Cause" is the latest organization to blossom forth in the fertile soil of Southern California, so adaptable for transplantations of fascist organizations and new experimental graftings of fascist roots onto "American" organizational saplings.

The avowed purposes of the organization, as explained by Dr. Horace Lackey, who describes himself as an 'interested observer', are to coordinate the activities of "social and economic groups in Southern California and throughout the country who are seeking a far-reaching and fundamental change in our economic structure."

✻ Former Fascist Chief.

"My name has dynamite in it," admitted Dr. Lackey. "I was formerly the national commander of the White Guards, an anti-Communist secret society, supported by fascistic financial interests. I had to withdraw from the society because I couldn't agree with the financial backers on matters of policy."

Concretely, the organization is seeking to corral Utopians, Epics, Christian Epics, Technocrats, co-operatives, Federal Co-operators, etc., in support of an economic and "definitely political" program which they can all endorse.

✻ After Former S. P. Members.

I first learned about Crusaders of the Common Cause, due to agitation of Stanley Rogers, until recently member of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of California. Rogers was trying to recruit former Socialist members into the C. C. C.

Said Rogers: "I had to get out of the Socialist Party when they passed the new declaration of principles. "These principles, not backed by action," Rogers says, "are too radical and I can't subscribe to them." Rogers is known for his anti-Communist proclivities. He is a reactionary even among right-wingers.

Rogers further characterized the Crusaders of the Common Cause as a purely "American" organization, aiming to seek a peaceful way out of the crisis.

Dr. Lackey echoed Roger's views. The doctor explained that the organization recognizes that there will never be re-employment under the present system, but that they are friendly to the present national administration and hopes that out of "the division of opinion and authority" within the administration and with the organized help of progressive groups, an economic and political change can come about "without a revolution." It is this last that intensely pleases the Rogers of the defunct Socialist Party of California.

✻ Many Prominent People.

"We have many prominent people in the movement," said Lackey, "but at this time we do not want to reveal their names, although in many cases we have their permission to do so."

Not having Dr. Lackey's reticence, be it said that another known member is W. Scott Lewis, also member (or is it now former member?) of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of California. Lewis also objects to the "declaration of principles" of the Socialist Party of America.

"We do know that if we reveal our membership, the business interests will immediately bring pressure to bear on them and the newspapers will immediately attack them and, if possible, hold them up to ridicule." Thus, the usual innocuous clap-trap about persecution of these harmless advocates of a "new social order."

Although the organization is supposed to be for purposes of coordination, it is seeking membership "along Utopian lines" and the membership is "growing by geometrical proportions." Lackey said he recognized that there is and would be a great over-lapping of membership with Epics, Utopians, etc.

"Other groups in the country have come to us seeking affiliation," he said.

Dr. Lackey said the organization is working with the United States Economic Congress, a local organization apparently formed a few weeks ago for the same ostensible purpose as the Crusaders.

It consists of delegates of the above mentioned groups and "observers" from the Technocrats and an "observer" for Manchester Boddy, publisher of the Illustrated News and the Post-Record. This congress meets two or three times a week to hold "preliminary discussions," and the chairmon is Charles P. Coultas, attorney, 620 North Avenue 64, who is said to have formerly been in the City Prosecutor's office.

The Crusaders either are incorporated or have applied for permission to operate as a California corporation. Incorporators are Mrs. Mary Lackey, the doctor's wife and former head of the lecture bureau of the Utopian Society; Albert E. Scott, a "labor leader" and supervisor of the Utopian Society, and Arthur W. Guy, an officer or former officer of some kind in the Utopians.

McKAY BUSINESS COLLEGE SHOWS BOSSES HOW TO CUT PAY OF OFFICE WORKERS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—How the business colleges help to raise the standard of living of workers in Los Angeles is revealed in a letter recently sent to Los Angeles employers by the MacKay Business Colleges.

The letter says:

"Dear Mr. Employer:

"You need someone . . . almost every day . . . to do extra work . . . that arises unexpectedly.

"You perhaps, do not feel justified in adding an extra worker to your present payroll.

"MacKay Business Colleges have solved those problems for you. Employ one—or more—of our part-time Student-Secretaries, and your office worries are over.

"The State Labor Commission has set the price for such services at 30c per hour for workers under 18 years of age, and 40c per hour for workers over 18 years of age.

✻ Here's The Idea!

"You can readily see what a help and saving such an arrangement would be for you.

"As an example:

"A boy or girl under 18, working two hours a day, for five days a week, would cost you only $3.00 a week!

"You can't beat that, Mr. Employer—and just see what a part-time secretary could do for you in from two to four hours a day: A student-secretary could do your typing . . . fill in or 'personalize' your circular letters . . . take your dictation . . . answer your telephones . . . run your errands . . . and attend to your general office routine!

". . . Mr. MacKay doesn't believe in penalizing a boy or girl for the privilege of working.

"Don't let your work pile up on you, Mr. Employer. Just begin with a part time worker, and later, when he graduates, you may be able to offer him permanent employment.

"Cordially yours."

Mr. Employer MAY be able to offer the worker permanent employment is right. About the time the part-time worker is ready for permanent employment, Mr. Employer will receive another letter like the above urging him to hire the new part-time worker, instead—because it will only cost $3.00 a week. You can't beat that, Mr. Employer!

✻ Tuition Fees.

MacKay is interested in these part-time job placements of students because MacKay ensures a steady flow of tuition fees from such students. Ergo, MacKay will have the dollar incentive to "plug" for the next batch of students after the present ones are shoved out into the world with an education and no employers to hire their trained brains.

Not only is the business college helping the bosses to smash the already low standard of living of office workers, but it is taking the initiative in showing the employers how it can be done legally. You can't beat that, Mr. Employer.

The business colleges and the bosses are joining to smash the workers. You can beat that, fellow workers. Join together to smash the bosses. By organizing, by joining the office workers industrial union we can break this attack.

Organize, protest, fight. You can't beat that, fellow worker. Write the Western Worker for further information.

—Hollywood Worker.

Neighbors Protest Against Hounding of Aged Carpenter

By E. H. S.

CENTINELA VALLEY, Calif., Jan. 22.—Charged with making an improvement on his home without a permit, Clifford Dalryal, 2319 Laurel Ave., Norwalk, was fined $5, suspended sentence, by Judge Gamble at Downey Court.

A carpenter by trade, Mr. Dalryal had been planning for some time to make his front room larger and had bought material for the addition while he was still employed. Recently, seeing others making improvements much more extensive than his without building permits, he set about building. The building inspector hounded him, visiting him five times for the money for the permit, in spite of the fact that he knew Dalryal had no money.

In a last minute effort to square himself before the numerous onlookers in the court room, some of whom had obtained 75 names to a petition protesting this discrimination against Dalryal, the building inspector offered to pay the permit himself, but his offer was decisively turned down by Dalryal.

Last May Dalryal was discharged from a job he had held for nine years, because an insurance investigator said he was too old and asked his employer to let him go. Since that time he has been unable to get work because of his white hair, although he is a first class carpenter. Even the SERA turned him down because he has no dependents, single men being too small for the administrators to worry about.

Foreign News Briefs

Nazi "Purge" Continues, In Secret

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Jan. 18.—Conservative papers here, in commenting on the recent widely hailed Nazi "purgings", report that the extermination of so-called rebels within the Hitler party is going on in secret.

"That which was done on June 30," the Haagsch Post comments, "suddenly and ostentatiously, is now being done surreptitiously. Every day numbers of members of the Nazy Party are being thrown into prison. The victims amount to at least a thousand."

Soviets Hail Siberian Gains

KAMCHATKA, Siberia, Jan. 20.—Heroic achievements have been recorded by the Soviets here in what is one of the remotest districts in the U. S. S. R. While land cultivation has been considered impossible in Kamchatka, 4290 acres were planted with vegetable cultures in the previous summer, as against only 780 acres in 1930.

Fishing, fur are among the chief industries. Particularly great, however, are the successes of cultural and social constructions. Where not a single teacher had been before there now are 117 elementary schools, eight high schools, a teachers' training school and fifty-one hospitals and medical stations.

Rumanian Anti-Fascist Dying In Jail

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Jan. 18.—Professor Constantinescu Jassy, prominent anti-fascist, is slowly dying after a hunger strike of four weeks, in spite of the fact that the Rumanian government promised he would be released and proceedings against him would be dropped.

Nazi Views Japanese War Games

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 18.—Further proof that Japan and Nazi Germany are drawing closer together, united in bonds of imperialist adventurism, is furnished by the "Voelkischer Beobachter" leading Nazi paper which boasts that its representative in Japan was the only foreign journalist to be allowed at the recent war games conducted by the Japanese militarists. Germany and Japan also see eye to eye in their mutual hate for the U. S. S. R.

Enforce Military Rule In Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 18.—Following the burning of the Hershey Sugar Mill, an American owned plant, by rebellious peasants all constitutional guarantees throughout Cuba have been suspended for ninety days and militant workers face death or life imprisonment for their activities. Knowing they are the victims of American imperialism, the exploited workers of Cuba continually are rising in protest against their exploiters.

In order to protect the property of the Wall Street financiers, the Cuban government has given the country over into the arms of the army for the entire period of the sugar harvesting. Penal codes even have been modified by decree as authorities become desperate in the face of mounting rebellion.

Irish Free State Bans Toller

DUBLIN, Ireland, Jan. 20.—The social-fascist officials of the Irish Free State have refused to allow Ernst Toller, prominent German author and anti-Nazi expelled by Hitler, to speak at a public meeting here. Plain clothes detectives and a strong force of uniformed policemen were on hand as the meeting started to enforce the government order forbidding Toller to appear.

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TEACHER EXPOSES ANTI-RED ANTICS OF SCHOOL-HEADS

By a Teacher Correspondent.

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 21.—I was one of the 2400 teachers who took the examination to fill positions in the San Francisco public school system. There were about 100 positions to be filled so that gave each one us about a fifty to one shot.

The whole thing was pervaded with an air of desperation. For many of us it meant the difference between a job and God knows what. I talked to one man who was a football coach at a Kansas college and found he had come all the way out here trying to get a job—any kind of a job.

My supervisor told me before I took the examination that it would be a waste of time—that the whole thing was governed by petty graft and favoritism. And that was the opinion of most of those with whom I talked. However, one or two thought that there had been so much noise about favoritism under Gwynn that Lee would have to pull one or two examinations on the level.

✻ Examined on Political Beliefs.

The chief purpose of the examination seemed to be to find out what were our economic and political beliefs. We had book lists and lists of authors to fit together to match up. I was certain of the two revolutionary books on the list. There were words given, together with lists of definitions with which to match them, and of the four definitions for the word "proletariat," "rabble" was the only one that we could have used. The rest were off the subject altogether. This is how we school teachers are taught to "love the working class!" Every one of my youngsters is a proletarian and when I get through with them they should have at least the glimmerings of class-consciousness.

Lee spoke at the Santa Clara County Teachers' Institute and all he did was rant about the Reds and their "Moscow gold." Every speaker yelled the same thing—"Smash Communism!" We had three full days of that. They don't seem to care about making better teachers of us; all they ask is that we train the youngsters to salute the flag and to be willing to die for Standard Oil and the rest of our capitalist masters.

Votes for a Soviet America!

LENIN MEETS

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leader well known in the East Bay and particularly in Richmond, was the principle speaker at the Lenin Memorial meeting held here Sunday.

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 24.—Mimi Carson, Communist Party candidate for Congresswoman in the November election, spoke at the Lenin Memorial meeting held here Sunday evening. Scores of workers, hitherto unacquainted with the Communist Party and its struggles, attended the meeting.

NOTICE!

Any comrades having an extra blanket or quilt they can spare, please bring them to the Western Worker Office, 37 Grove St., San Francisco.

San Diego County School Teachers Not Paid For 2 Months

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 23.—Since Nov. 26, San Diego county school teachers and employees have not yet received their salaries from the State. To date the newborn "Liberal" Governor Merriam's state officials have failed to send the two installments totaling $247,0000 needed to cover the payroll.

The situation is acute in twenty-five county school districts. $16,000 in pay warrants have already been registered. The registering of these warrants carries another burden to the shoulders of the working class which is being bled by the sales tax and the passing of all taxes indirectly to its slim purse, to support the extravagant state government.

World Events and Western Workers

Heroic Chinese Workers Fight Against Japan's Attack

By Emmett Kirby

Chiang Kai Shek's Betrayal Leaves Five North China Provinces Open to Japanese Seizure—Move Into Chahar Aims To Lay Base For Attack On U. S. S. R. Baikal Area—Chinese Workers Try To Stem Advance

That Japan has increased major military activities in the dead of winter over snow-covered and slushy terrain may seem unusual to military experts who believe that such movements had to wait until spring, because of the weather as well as because Japan "will have a freer hand" when her League of Nations membership expires in March. Though little things like the latter have never bothered Japan's armies.

It is unusual. Attacks have been carried out during the past two weeks, when pushing through the snow-bound mountain passes of eastern Chahar, the Japanese imperialist forces, supported by bombing planes, artillery and armored cars have captured several border towns. The latest to fall were Tuhsikou, Kuyuan and Tungchetze, border cities near the boundary between Jehol, already captured by Japan, and Chahar. In sharp fighting the defending garrisons were overpowered and forced to retreat. The whole maneuver, is, of course, a "defensive move," and "replying to mobilization of Chinese forces under Gen. Sung Chen-Yuan along the Jehol border," Japan assures the world while throwing thousands of Japanese and Manchurkuoan troops supplied with the most modern equipment against the Chinese, along a twenty-five mile front.

✻ Chiang Kai Shek's Betrayal.

But the attack would be unusual only if it were a matter of major battles.

This is not the case.

There is not, according to a plan agreed upon between Japan and Chiang Kai Shek, any resistance offered of sufficient strength to halt the Japanese.

Tuhsikou, one of the "captured" cities, is one of the important gateways through the Great Wall of China, leading to the rich areas below. Gateways in the Wall, of course, can now be blasted with a few bombs and the military defense value of that imposing string of masonry has long since diminished. But gateways are built along natural routes, valley passes through the mountains, and through this channel a stream of Japanese invasion will flood.

Kalgan, the objective, is the gateway from the Peiping area giving access to the only motor road to Outer Mongolia to its capital, Urga, and to the Soviet Union border.

The history of Chinese warlords, can record many monumental betrayals, but few compare with that agreement Chiang Kai Shek made with the Japanese. Following his trip through the north and northwestern provinces in November, Chiang immediately began the withdrawal of troops from five provinces, turning them over acording to agreement, to free attack by the Japanese.

These five were Chahar, Hopei, Suiyan, Shansi, and Shantung.

The demilitarization of all North China was completed by the end of December. The naked, defenseless provinces lay open to Japanese invasion, while Chiang took what troops had been there to launch a renewed drive on the Red Armies of Soviet China.

But such betrayals are not so easily swallowed by the troops and people themselves.

✻ National Armed Self-Defense.

One of the main reasons for the removal particularly of the troops in North China was the increasing anti-Japanese feeling among five divisions of the Kuo Min Tang troops. Japan feared the growth of the anti-Japanese outbreaks among the rank and file of these soldiers and was insistent on their withdrawal. These were shifted to the south for the attack on the Soviet Chinese armies now at Szechuan, lest they unite more strongly with the peasants and worker volunteers among whom the national armed self-defense idea is spreading like wildfire. It had been reported that a huge part of these five divisions were ready for such a united action. The troops under the command of General Chang Hsueh-Liang, troops who had been driven out of their homeland as a result of Chang's non-resistance, hate both the Japanese and the Kuo Min Tang bribe-taking warlords with an equal and a bitter hatred.

In the special session of the Kuo Min Tang central political council where the issue of the demilitarization of these five provinces came up, heated debate occurred. The opponents argued that, while not fundamentally opposed to the move, new arrangements must be found to camouflage it. But Chiang, always acting as a dictator, went ahead on his own forming the puppet government. He removed the troops. He removed, too, the then incumbent officials, replacing them with a list which had been submitted to Japan. Their character is clear from the fact that Japan did not alter a single name.

✻ Two Points In Bargain.

Two things Chiang asked to be understood on: 1) Considering his fragile military strength Japanese imperialism must not push him too hard in the drive against the Communists, lest he suffer serious defeats; 2) in his launching a campaign against the southwest (Hu Han-Min and Kwangsi) in the immediate future Japan must not construe this as a move hostile to Tokyo, but rather understand it for what it would be—a step for the expansion of Japanese influence southward.

✻ Red Army Gains.

The great strength being won by the Soviet Chinese forces in the west at Szechuan and Kansu, bringing them in close contact with Sinkiang, the province between them and the U. S. S. R., is now being shrilly proclaimed by the Japanese as a move against herself by Communists and particularly and indirectly by the Soviet Union. The People's Republic of Outer Mongolia, and the radicalized people of Sinkiang, form to Tokio's mind a definite barrier against her intended attack on the U. S. S. R., leaving her attempt at expansion into Siberia, called for in the Tanaka plan, in the position of being seriously outflanked. Her own military heads would obviously want to outflank Vladivostok, since they feel it is now a great risk, to put it mildly, to attack that sector. Indeed, they now admit this privately. But they could aim their attack from a base in Chahar and a further penetration into, and seizure of Inner Mongolia, sheltered by the Kingan mountain range and controlling the only available road lying east of the impassible Gobi desert.

Their cry about Sinkiang is the prelude to an attempt to justify the planned expansion in that direction, the while trying to cover up their real purpose under a red scare by which they hope to spread their support in China beyond that of Chiang Kai Shek.

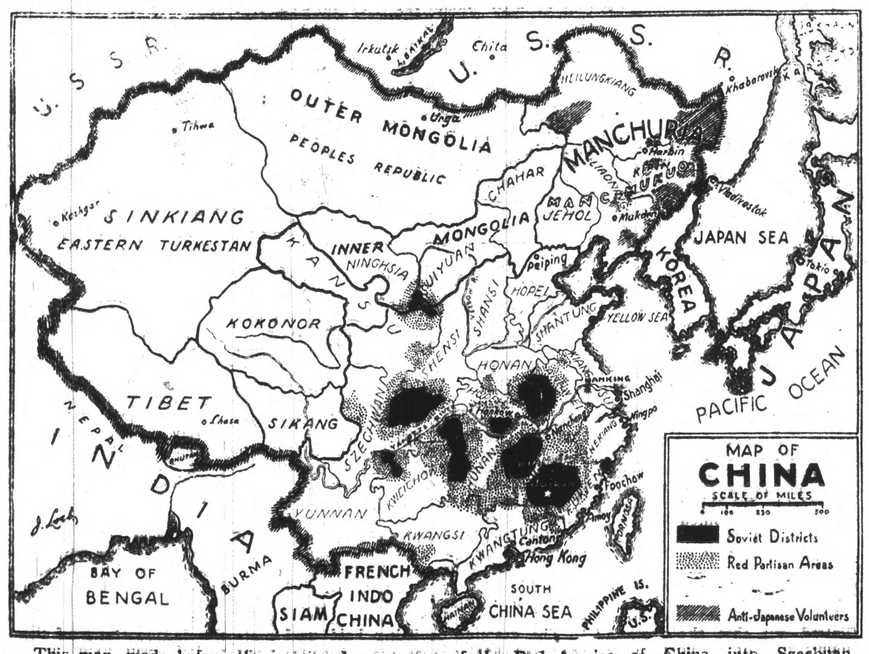
✻ Heroic Defenders.

The main obstacle to the carrying through of their plan clearly is not coming from the Kuo Mintang warlords. It comes from the Chinese peasants and workers themselves, who are uniting under the slogan of national armed self-defense. Fired by the struggles of Manchurian Communist-led People's Revolutionary Army, which during the past year has achieved several victories in battle with the japanese and puppet government's troops in Manchukuo, they are themselves forming their volunteer brigades to carry on the fight. Outnumbered, their activity is largely guerilla warfare, aided by the Partisans, composed of impoverished peasants and workers. This resistance has been going on ever since the Japanese first stole this territory, though of course Tokyo said nothing about it. The fighting is not on the scale of major engagements, but they have kept up constantly a series of raids and minor battles in which they have seriously hampered the Japanese expansion program, the consolidation expected by this time of the base for attack on the Soviet Union, and the intensification of the oppression against themselves by the Japanese.

These are the "irregulars" who have rallied now to the defenseless Chahar province and are defending with their lives the entrance to Hopei province, to Kalgan, and to Peiping, 150 miles to the rear while Chiang Kai Shek and his armies,—per agreement with Japan—is thousands of miles away fighting Chinese workers and peasants.

Workers, farmers! Get a bundle of Western Workers and distribute them to your shop mates, friends and neighbors.

Where Japan's Latest Seizure Is Planned In North China



This map, made before the westward movement of the Red Armies of China into Szechuan, Kansu, and Kweichow provinces, does not accurately picture present Soviet strength in South Central China. The five northern provinces mentioned show the extent of Chiang Kai Shek's betrayal. Present fighting is along the eastern border of Chahar, just north of Peiping.

Trials of Twelve S. F. Workers Set By Court

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Four militant workers arrested during the American Federation of Labor Convention here last October, three of them for selling literature at the convention and the fourth, George Maurer, for "sitting" in at a Convention meeting will be tried on March 5, according to an announcement by the International Labor Defense.

Richard St. Clair, Harris and Thomas are the three who attempted to sell working-class literature to the convention delegates. Local A. F. of L. officials are insisting the four workers be brought to "trial." All four were charged with vagrancy.

Other trial dates announced this week by the I. L. D include: Joe Wilson, charged with refusing to move on, Feb. 14; Billy Newman and Harry Gans, arrested in connection with the National Youth Day demonstration, March 11; Garrison, charged with vagrancy, March 14; Bird, charged with battery, March 25; Larry Angell and Ida Rothstein, existing an officer, March 28, and Jerry Feingold, violation of Ordinance 833, April 2nd.

Larry Angell and Ida Rothstein were arrested in the fight for free speech at Jefferson Park during the Communist election campaign and also were charged with breaking the Park Ordinance. This charge, however, later was dismissed.

"Only 2 Executed," Spanish Embassy

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25—The bigger your position in the diplomatic forces of capitalism, the bigger you lie. Witness the answer of the Spanish Embassy in Washington, D. C. to a protest letter against the jailing of more than 40,000 workers and the executions of more than 900 to date, for participation in the recent armed uprisings of workers and peasants. In addition, at least four steamers, fully loaded, have carried workers to Morocco, in Africa, deported for their fighting the Lerroux government. These facts and figures are well known.

But, says the Embassy, in reply to the San Francisco International Labor Defense's protest—"the Spanish government has not used terroristic methods, nor has deported anyone, nor is persecuting anybody due to their political ideas.—Only two persons have been executed."

Then, cynically, the ambassador encloses a clipping from the reactionary Washington Post reporting the execution of sixty-six terrorists in the Soviet Union recently.

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SEEING RED

By MICHAEL QUIN

It is reasonable to expect that the imaginative prosecutors of the seventeen Criminal Syndicalism defendants will introduce laundry tickets, theatre stubs and the public telephone book as criminal evidence before they are through. Today they occupied about three hours reading and recording nothing more or less than ordinary business receipts of the Communist Party and other working class groups. These slips of paper were not even made out to remarkable amounts, being mostly around one dollar.

McAllister and his henchmen are delivering their evidence on the assumption that the Communist Party and all affiliated organizations are against the law. They also assume that strikes and labor organizations are against the law.

When it comes time for the defense to have their say, they are going to have to be pretty emphatic explaining these points because the jury has been handpicked from the petty bourgeoisie especially for their ignorance of anything concerning the subject. They sit in their jury boxes as expressionless as dummies. To all purposes and effects, they might be painted on the wall. Unquestionably, with nothing to go by other than the prosecution's inference, they are being made to take it for granted that everything communistic IS against the law.

McAllister, Johnson and Buchler have mastered the high-powered salesman's art of uncovering nothing whatever and convincing the observer that they have revealed something astonishing. The "incriminating evidence" which they have presented so far, under the guise of having procured it by the cleverest sort of sleuthery, is nothing more or less than the literature which the Communist Party and a score of other workers' organizations have been exerting their full energies for a good many years to put before as wide a public as possible. Far from being any secret, the powers of capitalism have exerted every power of suppression, legal and illegal to prevent the Party from distributing these pamphlets and papers. They have even stormed into workers' headquarters and seized and burned this literature by the bale.

Now this handpicked jury sits, in the belief that the secret files of a bloody conspiracy are being bared to their private horror.

McAllister always reads "proletariat" (doubtless he never heard the word before) as "ploretariat." He reads of how in an agricultural strike hundreds of "Ploretarian children are involved and these must be provided with group activities of their own, songs, games and study classes teaching them the significance of the class struggle." He reads this with shocked dignity, in a voice of outraged Americanism. He is horror stricken that the "Reds" are propagandizing among American children. He expects the jury to share his indignation. But he is careful not to mention that these hundreds of children are involved because they were slaving for starvation wages in the agricultural fields and living in ramshackle dirt floor huts or tents. Neither does he remind the jury that America pretends to have abolished child labor.

Amador Strikers

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committee will be known by its deeds and not by its words. Advice your Red friends to leave the county so the committee will not have to take action."

The last move brings sharply to the A. F. L. members at large the need of a strong fight against all the anti-working class legislation which is being introduced in Sacramento, as well as the terrorization which workers may expect to attack their struggles, particularly if these bill pass. Every local should at once join with the other workers organizations which are sending protests to assemblymen and senators in Sacramento demanding the bills be killed and demanding they vote for the bill for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, whose existence now gives a basis for this terrorism against organized labor.

GALLAGHER ATTACKS FALSE "EVIDENCE"

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SACRAMENTO, Jan. 22.—Personal letters of the defendants were today dragged into the infamous prosecution of the Criminal Syndicalism cases in an effort to establish a precedent whereby workers who protest against the degradation forced on them by the breakdown can be railroaded to the penetentiary.

Prominent among these documents was the alleged letter from Ella Winter to Caroline Decker mentioning a certain movie actor concluded by the prosecution to be James Cagney. The capitalist reporters scribbled wildly in the hope of squeezing one more drop of sensationalism out of last year's prize publicity lemon.

Gallagher's objections to the introduction of such pointless evidence were overruled by Judge Lemmon.

❋ Harvest of Leaflets.

Scores of agricultural strike leaflets have been introduced—many of them today. These leaflets are the bitter harvest that cost wealthy California growers and packers one million dollars in higher wages for the workers they tried to drive down into conditions of slavery.

Three years of mounting struggles passed in review as the leaflets were read. Mimeographed calls to struggle turned out on second hand duplicators in the dirt floor huts of the workers whose hands produced the wealth in California. All these were arrogantly recorded by the well fed prosecution as evidence of crime.

The prosecution selected and read with insinuating emphasis parts of pamphlets which described the complete domination of the American government by wealthy industrialists and Wall Street. Sentences which scored the capitalist class democracy functioning in America today were implied to be sedition.

Numerous Communist Party application cards and membership books, many of them bearing names of defendants were also introduced.

❋ Theft Hinted.

When court resumed after the noon recess, McAllister reported that one of the leaflets submitted as evidence was missing. The impression he intended to convey was that defendant Pat Chambers had stolen it since the items had been in his hands for examination.

Gallagher vigorously protested this trick to throw suspicions on the defendants and exposed McAllister's strategy to the court. Chambers denied McAllister's implication and declared that a duplicate of the leaflet could be obtained if the item were not found.

Evidence has been so presented as to place the Daily Worker, the Western Worker and the entire workers' press as much on trial as any of the defendants. Copies of nearly every Communist publication have already been submitted.

❋ Officer Questioned.

Late in the afternoon, when the prosecution ended its presentation of items seized in the July raids, Gallagher cross questioned Officer Fred Russ who has been on the stand constantly identifying every article. In every instance, Russ has testified that he recognized each item of literature, where it was seized and at what time.

Under Gallagher's intense barrage of questions the atmosphere of certainty was completely shattered. Russ had only the vaguest notion of where the exhibits were taken from. Although he clung stubbornly to his assertion that the evidence had been in his control and under lock and key ever since the raids, strong doubts of this were raised by his confused explanations of how the literature was turned over to the District Attorney.

❋ Planted Evidence.

The point that Gallagher was trying to bring out was that McAllister (who was then District Attorney) and his aides had every opportunity to insert items which were not seized in the raids. This is apparent from the many pieces of literature which the defendants assert were never on the premises or in their possession and which it is supected Red Hynes brought with him from Los Angeles.

Meanwhile the capitalist press seizes odd snatches and paragraphs of pamphlets at random and plays them up variously as revelations of plots to incite armed rebellion in the agricultural fields, in the army, the navy, the CCC, the relief camps—everywhere. In every case these supposed plots are based on openly published literature written to aid Workers in organizing and struggling for their immediate demands

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C. S. Repeal Bill in Assembly

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❋ Referred to Committee.

The C. S. repeal bill (Assembly Bill No. 419) has been referred to the Committee on Judiciary, which is headed by Assemblyman Charles W. Lyon, one of the most vicious, reactionary members of the body. He can virtually be said to be the leader of the whole fascist machine active in the Assembly. Kent H. Redwine, of Los Angeles, co-author of many anti-working class bills with Lyon, is also a member of this committee. Others are: Brennan, Cronin, Crowley, Cunningham, Dawson, DeLap, Eicke, Fisher, Hornblower, Johnson, Jones, McCarthy, Minard, O'Connell, Peyser, Robertson, Wallace, Welsh and Williamson.

The names and addresses of these Assemblymen both at home and in Sacramento appear at the end of this story. It is urgent that all workers and organizations write or call in delegations to urge the passage of the C. S. repeal act. Also approach your own assemblyman on the subject and in reference to other bills. For full particulars of how to carry on a mass campaign, follow the pages of the Western Worker closely.

Wealthy industrialists hire expert lobbyists to influence the Legislature to favor their profits. The working class also has a right to lobby. Let your Assemblymen know that you are watching the proceedings of the Legislature with care.

❋ Unemployment Reserves.

Two new bills for artificial unemployment insurance patterned after the Roosevelt Administration's "reserve" recommendations have been submitted in the Assembly, one by Mr. Brennan and the other by Mr. Patterson. This makes four such bills to date. Detailed analysis of these bills will appear in future issues.

Also, the following other bills have been introduced which will be explained in the near future. Space prohibits more detailed treatment at this time.

A bill to deprive all militant workers or members of working class groups of the right to vote;

A bill to deprive all militant workers or members of working class groups of the right to hold public office;

Two bills to prohibit the Communist Party and other militant workers parties from participating in primary elections.

Three more bills for the establishing cooperative colonies and projects after the manner of the EPIC plan;

A bill called the State Economy Act which is a cyclone New Deal and millenium in itself, including monster public works projects and a moratorium on all debts.

Four more bills concerning indigents (destitute workers) and how to evade providing for them, and two new bills concerning care of the aged.

A bill to limit the courts in their authority to interfere in strikes.

A bill to establish a State Bureau of Political and Social Science Research to find out what causes the crisis and how to get out of it. Hoover set up such a research committee and it delivered many volumes proving Marx was right and the only way out was Communism. So the findings were junked and are no longer mentioned.

A bill to prohibit lobbying.

A bill to abolish unemployment relief camps.

Two more bills to fingerprint all working class organizers.

A bill to prevent scabs and strikebreakers from being recruited through free employment agencies.

A bill to prevent firms from using blacklists.

A bill appropriating $50,395 of your money to redecorate the Assembly Chamber, which is already palatial.

The addresses of the Assemblymen who are members of the Committee on Judiciary follow below. Where they maintain Sacramento addresses, these are given too. Workers are urged to write them immediately demanding favorable action on Assembly Bill No. 419, calling for the repeal of the C. S. Law:

Charles W. Lyon, 1052 Redondo Blvd., Los Angeles, Sacramento address, Sacramento Hotel; Kent H. Redwine, 1618 No. Las Palmas Dr., Los Angeles; James F. Brennan, 26 Fifth Ave., San Francisco; Melvyn I. Cronin, 350 Laguna Honda Blvd., San Francisco; Ernest C. Crowley, Suisun, Calif.; Thomas J. Cunningham, 3065 Tyburn St., Los Angeles; Kenneth B. Dawson, 1150 Clay Street, San Francisco, Sacramento address, Elks Club; T. H. DeLap, 2616 Sonoma Ave., El Cerrito; Dona P. Eicke, 673 Lexington Ave., Stockton; Charles W. Fisher, 189 Florence Ave., Oakland; William B. Hornblower, 1530 Guerrero St., San Francisco; Gardiner Johnson, 2623 Haste St., Berkeley; William Moseley Jones, 113 N. 21 St., Montibello; John D. McCarthy, 179½ Loma St., Los Angeles; Claude Minard, 118 1st St., Woodland; Jefferson E. Peyser, 2001 California St., San Francisco, Sacramento address, Elks Club; Alfred W. Robertson, 1524 Dover Road, Santa Barbara; Ralph W. Wallace, 710 San Diego Trust and Savings Bank Bldg.; Ralph Louis Welsh, 1035 W. 31st St., Los Angeles; Ray Williamson, 756 Page St., San Francisco.

JOBLESS INS. BILL

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for the purpose of joining the struggle for social insurance.

❋ S. F. Conference Feb. 24.

Such a conference was held in San Francisco last week and another took place in Los Angeles. A final city-wide united front conference will be held in San Francisco on February 24.

At San Luis Obispo the rank and file of the Filipino Workers Union is circulating the petitions for signatures in support of the Workers' Bill. Here, too, the Vegetable Packers Union has endorsed the bill and will send a delegate to the Unemployed Congress.

Workers in Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond and other East Bay cities are circulating the petitions and will elect delegates to the State Congress. In Stockton, Bakersfield, Fresno, Porterville and other cities similar action has been taken.

ZINOVIEV PLOT

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others, who admitted to the full their conspiring against the Soviet Government and against the Communist Party leaders. One of them, Bashkirov, declared: "Nicholaev's (assassin) shot resulted from the fact that he received his education in the Trotskyist-Zinoviev counter-revolutionary organization, which bears the political responsibility for this act."

One of the basic tasks of the Zinoviev group, it was admitted, was "the accumulation of forces and strengthening the feeling of wrath and open hatred towards the leaders of the Party and the Soviet Government among the members of the group."

With a degeneracy born of desperation when they could find no support to their activities, the international Trotzkyite counter-revolutionaries have instructed all their members who possibly could to get into the ranks of the Communist Party and other militant labor organizations in order to slander the leaders and sabotage the class struggle.—A tactic which has characterized the few followers of this miserable group in other countries.

All sincere workers are warned against the attempts of local agents of the Trotzkyist camps of counter-revolutionaries attempting to worm their way into the Revolutionary Movement at the expense of the best interests of the working class. Because more subtle, they are more dangerous enemies than the open agents of capitalism.

"PARTY LEGAL"

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constitute a violation of the law:

"But as a political party the Communists have a status in this state equal to that of the Socialists, the Democrats and the Republicans. At the recent elections the names of the Communist candidates, along with names of candidates of the other officially recognized parties, were printed on the ballots at the expense of the state. Such being the situation, fellowship in the Communist Party cannot be of itself treated as a crime."

This decision obviously deals a blow to the frame-up being attempted against the seventeen workers tried for criminal syndicalism in California.

C. S. TRIAL

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never seen the letter but only "heard about it." This conflicts with the statement issued to, and printed in, the Sacramento Bee last August that Russ had identified the "letter" as having been taken from Houghardy's suitcase.

Gallagher demanded that he be allowed to examine articles seized but not introduced as evidence, but the court denied it.

When called upon to produce the letter, McAllister said it had been lost. Pressed further, he accused Hougardy of having taken it along with some personal articles returned to him.

Hougardy vigorously denied the charge. McAllister was later forced to make a statement to the court exonerating Hougardy and admitting he had not taken it.

Judge Lemmon asked why Gallagher wanted the letter introduced.

Gallagher replied: "Because that letter was a forgery and just as such a method was used in an effort to discredit the Communist Party and Sinclair during elections, so half of the exhibits introduced here by the prosecution were never found where they claim to have found them."

Many items of literature have been introduced as evidence which had never been in the possession of any of the defendants nor on the premises raided.

McAllister has now announced—to the press—that the missing letter will be introduced at a later date. If he fails to do so, Gallagher will press him further.

❋ Peart Takes Stand.

Having identified 139 exhibits as having been seized in the book store or in Yolo County, Officer Russ was excused and Officer Peart took the stand. The prosecution is now introducing articles allegedly seized in the Workers School.

When Prosecutor Buchler displayed the large glass sign taken from over the door, Gallagher made a motion that the prosecution be cautioned to take extra care of this exhibit in order that the workers could use it again when they reopened the school after this trial.

Part were read from a copy of the Party Organizer, issue of May, 1931, in which workers were adviced to turn court trials into open forums for the education of workers in the audience and to expose capitalist justice. The Examiner reporter seized this point eagerly and it appeared next morning as "Moscow Orders Communists to Turn C. S. Trial into Propaganda."

Parts referring to the Party as a minority giving leadership to the masses, were read, with considerable expurgation, to give the sense that the Party itself as an armed minority intended to seize power.

Gallagher drew up a large chart of the structure of Party organization and exhibited it to the jury in order that no misunderstanding could occur.

Another chart, a blue print showing California strikes of 1932-1933, was entered as an exhibit.

Most of today was taken up with reading organizational correspondence of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union, bulletins, minutes of meetings, study outlines from the Workers' School and similar material. These documents covered the whole range of California working class struggle over a period of three years.

Answer C. S. Appeal

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and individuals are urged to write the Assemblymen and Senators, urging they support this bill, which has been initiated by the Communist Party for repeal of the C. S. Law.

❋ Sacramento Rally.

In Sacramento, Saturday night, Feb. 2, a big mass meeting in support of the 18 prisoners is being held at the Plaza Theatre, 914 Ninth St.

Speaking at the meeting, which will expose the frame-up attempt, will be Al Hougardy, one of the defendants and Communist Party organizer in Sacramento, Geo. Maurer, of the International Labor Defense, Caroline Decker, one of the defendants, leader in the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, Dr. Geo. Hedley, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, Chas. Bridgen, president of the Maintainance of Way Union, and Ray Sullivan, Epic worker. Harry Bridges, president of the I. L. A. local in San Francisco, has been invited to speak.

The meeting is held under the auspices of the International Labor Defense.

❋ Workers Delegations.

The United Front of workers has been well shown during the present week of the trial in Sacramento when a delegation from seven workers organizations in Los Angeles, including the A. F. L. Carpenters Local No. 1976, the United Council of Working Women, the I. L. D., the Utopian Society and the EPIC Society arrived. They were barred from the courtroom by Judge Lemmon. Another similar delegation from Stockton is to arrive tomorrow, while others are being rallied by the I. L. D. in other cities.

Workers to serve on committees visiting A. F. L. locals to urge their support to the campaign, and their election of delegates to the United Front Conference, Feb. 10, are urgently needed, the I. L. D. reports. Others to help with distribution of the 50,000 leaflet copies of the call, and other material, are needed. Any who can help in this most important work should report to the office of the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market St., Room 410 at once.

WHERE TO GO...

Organizations! Get big crowds to your affairs. Advertise them here. New rates—7c a line, in advance!

— San Francisco —

WARNING—To Whom It May Concern—Feb. 2nd is CONFISCATED by the Waterfront and Mission Sections for a Mass Banquet, Dance and Games to be held at Corinthian Hall, Valencia St., between 13th and 14th, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m.

MAXIM GORKY CULTURAL SOCIETY will present a new Soviet comedy "THE LANDLORD'S GHOST". Also concert program and DANCING. Admission 25 Cents. SATURDAY, Feb. 2, at 8:00 P. M., Equality Hall, 141 ALBION ST., bet. Val. and Guerrero, off 16th.

SOCIAL DANCE—Refreshments and Entertainment, Sunday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m., 779 Vallejo Street. Auspices House Committee.—Tickets 15c.

FEBRUARY 9th—Big Benefit Dance for the defense of the 18 Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism victims, given by the International Labor Defense.

MARCH 29, 30, 31—**Annual I. L. D. Bazaar.** All workers' organizations are urged to cooperate with the I. L. D. and asked not to arrange any other affairs during these dates.

Santa Rosa

Next Sunday Santa Rosa workers will celebrate at Germania Hall, 426 Third St., at 8 p.m.

— Los Angeles —

7TH ANNUAL COSTUME BALL given by Women's Council No. 1. Workers Center, 2706 Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Games—Prizes for best costumes—Entertainment, Delicious Food, Lots of Fun. Admission 25c.

WARM UP at the 1st Annual MID-WINTER DANCE, Saturday, January 26, at 8 p.m. Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring St. Hot Shot Dance Band—N. Y. Harmonica Entertainment—Raffle—Admission 20 Cents. Auspices: Downtown Sub-Section, Young Communist League, and Cultural Center.

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"Democracy" In Practice

America's much-vaunted democracy has again "vindicated" itself. The principles of freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of assemblage, which look glorious in patriotic school histories, have been upheld once more by the action of our "liberal" lieutenant-governor in refusing seats in the legislative chambers to representatives of the Western Worker. Needless to say, the press representatives of the Hearst papers and other capitalist newspapers were accorded the usual press "courtesies."

It is interesting to note that H. Howe, secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor, had written the Western Worker, with reference to our request that our representatives be seated: "*In accordance with your request they will be accorded the usual press courtesies.*"

This is especially interesting because the legislature's action in barring the Western Worker reporters was taken at the initiative of Lieutenant-Governor Hatfield after he returned to Sacramento from a visit South, *during which time, according to information from reliable sources, he had been a guest at the Ranch of William Randolph Hearst at San Simeon!*

Behind the liberal mask worn by the second-in-command of California capitalists' legislative program leers the fascist face of that arch-enemy of the working class, Hearst!

What damnable hypocrites are these public officials when they make speeches about "noble American traditions of freedom and democracy" when their every official act proves the emptiness and drivel of their unctuous phrases!

This is but another move which offers proof of what the Communists have always pointed out: "*that legislative bodies always function and laws of the state are always made with the aim of protecting the interest of the class in power.*" The enactment of criminal syndicalism laws and anti-picketing ordinances; the smashing of working class meetings; the refusal of hall-owners (acting upon police pressure) to rent their halls to militant working class organizations; the organized attempt to put the Communist Party off the ballot—all these and many other measures too numerous to list prove that the only democracy possible in a class society is that which extends all democratic rights to the class in power and successively curbs those "rights" of the suppressed class as its members organize to protect their interests.

What a far cry from those revolutionary heroes of the first American revolution who shed their blood for principles of freedom—to the Tories who today legislate and administer suppressive acts against the overwhelming majority of the American people!

It is simple to understand why Western Worker reporters are officially barred from the state's legislative halls. The Merriams and Hatfields and the corporations whose lickspittle servants they are do not take to the idea of having their most intimate legislative sessions exposed in all their stark anti-labor nakedness.

This arrogance of the Hearst-inspired lieutenant-governor must not go unchallenged!

Every one of capitalism's anti-labor moves which draws no defensive action from the working class paves the way for the next such maneuver!

All working class organizations are urged to pass resolutions protesting against the barring of the Western Worker representatives and send them to Merriam and Hatfield, with a copy to the state senator and assemblyman of the district where the organization has its headquarters!

All workers are urged to write individual letters to their assemblymen and senators protesting against this move and demanding that the legislature seat their working class press representatives!

Mooney Is Still In Prison!

With a cynicism characteristic of capitalist courts, the United States Supreme Court has placed the question of the freedom of Tom Mooney back into the hands of the same courts which framed him eighteen years ago. This was done—pleading technical grounds—despite the fact that the opinion contained a virtual admission Mooney had been framed!

When the U. S. Supreme Court decided to hear the application for a writ of habeas corpus, Governor Merriam said he would do nothing about the Mooney case until after the Supreme Court's decision. Now that the highest capitalist court of the land has again passed the buck to California, what is Merriam going to do about it? What about his pre-election verbal maneuver to the effect he would "consider" the Mooney case?

When the U. S. Supreme Court announced it would consider the Mooney case, the Communist Party warned the workers not to be optimistic; we pointed out that the Supreme Court would find some technical excuse for passing the buck. This is exactly what has happened!

Now that the issue is again squarely put up to Governor Merriam, there is a widespread illusion that some steps will be taken by the Governor to free Mooney, in view of the Supreme Court's denunciation of the frame-up. This illusion must be guarded against.

Neither Merriam nor the capitalist courts—whether federal or state—will lift one finger to free Tom Mooney until they have been forced to do so by organized working class action!

The Supreme Court decision must be a signal for an intensified campaign to win the freedom of Tom Mooney!

All working class organizations are urged to pass resolutions demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Mooney.

Working class mass pressure alone can swing back the steel gates that for eighteen years have imprisoned the victims of one of the foulest frame-ups on the records of capitalism's bloody history!

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We, 18 Victims of the Anti-Labor Criminal Syndicalism Law, Appeal for Your Support!

To all persons and Organizations who are for Labor's Civil Rights and are opposed to the Criminal Syndicalism Laws:

We, eighteen men and women now on trial for Criminal Syndicalism in Sacramento, face 6 to 84 years imprisonment each for our labor activities, a total of 1512 prison years.

Our arrests last July 20th, immediately followed the San Francisco General Strike and were part of the lawless vigilante raiding on Workers' headquarters and homes throughout the State. Most of us have been prominent in agricultural strikes—strikes which gave exploited field and cannery workers 25 to 100 per cent wage increases. We have helped organize agricultural and industrial workers, the unemployed, farmers, students, professional and white collar workers.

We have already spent 6 months in jail.

The chief tool behind the prosecution is former District Attorney McAllister, whom the people repudiated at the last election. The State, disregarding the repudiation, is spending thousands of dollars in order to hire McAllister and his two deputies, Buckler and Johnson, as special prosecutors.

The line-up of forces in the trial explains all. It is finance-capital versus labor. The prosecution is backed by the Chambers of Commerce, the banks, the Power Trust, the Industrial Association, the Associated Farmers, Inc., and Big Business. The American Legion. The defense is organized labor and all the issues of humanity for which it stands, and all those who stand for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

The issues involved are of utmost importance to all who must earn their livelihood. They are labor's hard-won rights to organize into the union of one's choice, to strike and to picket; they are the elementary rights of free speech, press, and assembly; and even involve freedom of conscience and thought.

Big Business is now trying to legally abrogate these elementary rights of the people because Big Business feels threatened in its position of power and special privilege. It is beginning to advance the bloody program of fascism in order to smash all workers' organizations. That is why it has thrown the entire city, county and State governmental apparatus behind the prosecution. That is why the prosecution has at its disposal unlimited funds and the power and influence money buys under the profit system. That is why special representatives of the American Legion, the Associated Farmers, Inc., and of other reactionary forces are stationed at the trial.

There is a *united front of capital* to make this case an opening wedge to *outlaw labor organizations and all progressive activity!* They will spare no effort and they will stop at nothing to secure convictions.

Already the prosecution has attempted to whip up public hysteria against us with framed stories of "kidnaping" and threats against the lives of State's witnesses and prospective jurors. Our attorney, Leo Gallagher, has exposed the work of the prosecution in putting plants on the jury; McAllister and one of his aides have openly been charged with perjury; and already McAllister was forced to admit the use of paid agents to spy on men and women prisoners.

The prosecution will build its case with the perjury of stool pigeons. Lies and slander will be used against us. Appeals will be made to the patriotic and religious prejudices of the jury. And the kept press under the leadership of Hearst will do its part to hide the real facts and to spread the lies and slanders.

Just as Mooney-Billings were framed to prison 18 years ago, so will we—unless there is the *widest publicity to the true facts of the case; unless there is immediate mass protest!*

The united front of the monopolists and exploiters must be met with the *united action* of all individuals and organizations opposed to the Criminal Syndicalism Law. Only the greatest united effort of all pro labor forces can win our freedom and smash this vicious anti-labor frame-up!

No political or religious differences should be allowed to divide us. To do so only plays into the hands of the reactionary enemy.

At a mass meeting held in San Francisco on December 21, under the joint auspices of the International Labor Defense, the Epic League of San Francisco, the Democratic Open Forum, the A. F. of L. Rank and File Committee, and the Conference for Labor's Civil Rights, a call was issued for a conference to set up such a united front. We endorse this action. The conference date is:

Sunday, February 10, at 2:00 P.M.
Carpenters Hall, 112 Valencia St., S. F.

We appeal to you to be represented there with two delegates. Won't you also send a donation to help finance the defense? You can also help with property or cash bail.

We must win the Sacramento cases and achieve a fighting front for workers' civil rights.

WITH WARMEST FRATERNAL GREETINGS,

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Utopian Group Demands Release of C. S. Victims

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 23.—The Utopian Society of America, Graham District of Los Angeles, has sent the following letter to Governor Merriam and Attorney-General Webb, demanding the release of the seventeen criminal syndicalism defendants:

Utopian Society of America,
Graham District,
Los Angeles, California.
January 21, 1935.

Governor Frank B. Merriam,
Attorney-General U. S. Webb.

As Utopian members, interested in the welfare of our brothers, the majority of whom are working people, we strongly protest against the apparent persecution of the seventeen men and women being tried for violation of the Criminal Syndicalism Act. That this Act has been and is being used by the privileged classes to suppress efforts on the part of the under-privileged to improve their conditions is very generally admitted. Representing many Utopians, therefore, we request you to see that justice is done, that these seventeen defendants are released and the Act itself be repealed.

R. H. Hipson,
Representative.

. . BAIL . .

is urgently needed for workers facing a Criminal Syndicalism Law frameup in Sacramento. These defendants have been suffering imprisonment since July.

Enough funds have only been procured to date to secure the release of two. Bail has been set at the exorbitant figure of $3000 cash or $6000 property for each worker.

Bail in the form of funds or property may be loaned with absolute security. The International Labor Defense has never failed in safeguarding bail loans. Address all bail loans or cash donations for legal defense or prison relief to:

The International Labor Defense
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Room 505, Plaza Bldg.,
921 Tenth St.
SAN FRANCISCO:
1005 Market St.
Room 410.
LOS ANGELES:
127 So. Broadway.

Central Committee of C. P. Pledges Aid to C. S. Prisoners

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 21.—The following telegram was received by the eighteen workers facing frame-up on Criminal Syndicalism charges in the Sacramento courts today:

N. Y., Jan. 19.

By decision Central Committee Communist Party United States of America in plenary session we send to all our beloved Comrades the eighteen workers facing trial for criminal syndicalism in Sacramento the heartfelt revolutionary greetings of entire Communist Party.

You are in court because you fight for the noblest of all causes, the cause of the working class.

We will do our best to mobilize entire working class and all possible support of masses which can be made decisive in outcome of your cases.

Earl Browder, General Secretary
William Z. Foster, Chairman

New Mexico I.L.D. Feared By Bosses For Its Militancy

By a Worker Correspondent.

ROSWELL, New Mexico, Jan. 12.—Talk about a ruling class having the jitters, you are right. A few more cases like your Sacramento frame-up and the free advertising which is taken as just so much persecution all over this country and the bosses here will give us all the help we will need to show up the rottenness of this New Deal here.

Our International Labor Defense here has had the same conditions to meet and though our comrade leaders have been sentenced to jail and then resentenced again the result is the bosses are now damned glad to turn them loose as they have seen they are furnishing us good organizing material.

Comrade Margie Rauerts has become well known all over Eastern New Mexico and just gains a boost every time they try to throw her in. The chamber of grafters knows her well as she has held meetings in front of their headquarters. The relief fakers also know her; they tried evictions, starvation and jail and now they give her plenty of room.

The old dear sisters of the D. A. R. are sure now that there is no place for people of means in this cursed state of New Mexico for the "reds" are everywhere. Then to show you still further how the inner circles feel, the great American Express Co. fired one of their oldest agents because they had reports from their stool pigeon bulls that he was "red" and helped the miners in the Gallup Coal strike and was making "reds" out of all the railway men.

It's the same way in all these offices; here it's a school teacher and there it's a postal employe, so the bosses don't know where it's going to break out next and every knock is just a boost. And that's just what's going on at Washington, the big boys don't know how and where to stop it—A Workers' and Farmers' America looks bad to them and the clouds that are rolling up on the horizon indicate a terrible gathering storm of cyclonic proportions.

L. A. Delegates Visit C.S. Trial In Show of Unity

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 22.—Seven elected delegates from working class and sympathetic organizations of Los Angeles attended the trial of seventeen workers on charges of Criminal Syndicalism here yesterday. These delegates representing EPIC groups, Utopian groups, an A. F. of L. local and other bodies formed a protest committee and wore arm bands to demonstrate their solidarity with the accused workers. Judge Dal M. Lemmon refused to admit them to the court room wearing the bands.

The workers on trial appeal to every organization in California to send observers to witness with their own eyes the grim exhibition of brutal class justice being enacted in the Sacramento court. Organizations in Sacramento, EPIC groups, Utopian, union locals and others are particularly appealed to.

The delegates from Los Angeles were: L. Freedman, Carpenters' Local No. 1976, Mrs. I. Westenfeld, Mrs. B. Sherman and Mrs. Nell Higman of the United Councils of Working Class Women, D. Sigal, International Labor Defense, R. H. Hipson, representing the Graham district Utopians, and Merton Marshall, of the EPIC Society in Southgate.

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MUNITIONS, MONOPOLY, IMPERIALISM AND WAR

This is the thirteenth of a series of articles exposing the link between the war machine and American industry. It reveals the immense capacity for organization and efficiency of capitalism in mobilizing the entire strength and resources of a country for purposes of mass murder in the interests of private greed, and its complete inability to organize these forces for the welfare of the people.

By BILL DUNNE

The rapid increase in the scope of air warfare and the need created thereby for the construction and repair of air craft placed additional new demands upon American industry during the World War. (Since then there has been a geometrical increase in the use of air craft for peace and war purposes. This makes still more demands upon the aircraft and associated industries, immeasurably increases the importance of steel and its high grade alloys. At the same time it makes the workers employed in these industries more decisive in the struggle against imperialist war).

In 1917-18 aeroplanes needed for their construction gigantic quantities of wood, wire, cloth of various kinds, sheet steel, and the so-called "dope" for varnishing the structure of air craft. All of these materials are of course, required in addition to the steel and metal needs for engines and the various drop forged and mechanical parts of the planes.

A high quality of lumber was needed for the American planes manufactured during the World War. Special high grade spruce, as well as some high grades of fir and cedar, was needed in huge quantities. During the World War the American Ordnance Department cruised, cut and delivered about 180,000,000 feet of this kind of lumber—most of it from the Puget Sound area, Seattle, Tacoma, Hoquiam, Aberdeen, Port Angeles, so forth. **(So profitable was this whole proceeding that the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Puget Sound Railway—a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company, found it possible to graft out of American war plane construction a new standard gaged and rock ballasted right of way to Port Angeles—all paid for by the Ordnance Department.)**

The American planes of the type used during the World War used from 500 to 1000 board feet of rough lumber. In the earlier period of construction when considerable experimentation was going on, the board feet requirements per plane ran as high as 5000 feet.

American aeroplane construction during the World War, the spruce section of the industry, at that time another subsidiary of Standard Oil, headed by John D. Ryan, president of the Anaconda Mining Company, was of an extremely crude character and the whole industry reeked with corruption. In spite of the enormous sums expended by the Ordnance Department for this industry during the World War—some estimates are as high as $1,200,000,000—very few effective planes were furnished the military forces. (246 in all were shipped to France.)

So badly were even these few planes designed and constructed that Eddie Rickenbacker—praised every other day in the Hearst papers by Brisbane as the outstanding American ace—described them as "flaming coffins," in a newspaper interview during the war period.

RAW MATERIALS AND AIRCRAFT

The American military forces secured most of their planes by a process of barter with the French. From the French Ordnance Departments the American forces received aeroplanes in return for such raw materials as lumber, refined metal and finished metal parts.

These raw, finished and semi-finished materials furnished the French Ordnance Department included such items as 35,000,000 feet of cedar, spruce, and fir lumber, 1,000,000 feet of mahogany procured from South America and enough for the construction of about 40,000 aeroplane propellers.

In addition to these items there was furnished to the French Ordnance Department about 4000 tons of aluminum parts and other items such as ball-bearings, brass, steel and copper tubing as well as sheet metal of various specifications.

❖ Linen for Airplanes.

The airplanes constructed by the ordnance department, and the firms under contract to it at that time, needed some 250 yards of fabric per plane. The larger bombing planes used as much as 500 yards. At the time of the entry of the United States into the World War linen was used mainly for airplane fabric. War necessities and the various blockades made it practically impossible to get the needed supplies of linen cloth since these came chiefly from Russia and Belgium.

It was necessary for the Army specialists to develop a fabric that could be used as a substitute for linen. This was developed and manufactured from long staple mercerized cotton. More than 10,000,000 yards of this substitute fabric for airplanes had been woven and delivered at the time of the Armistice.

Extremely important in regard to the matter of natural resources and technical skill in a country engaged in a major war is the fact that at one time during the World War the entire program of airplane construction in the United States was jeopardized because of the limited amount of available acetate of lime. This was the principle source of the acetic anahydride needed for the cellulose acetate from which was made the "dope" for varnishing the wings of airplanes.

❖ Main Source of Acetone.

This chemical was also the main source of acetone, used by the British munition industry in the manufacture of cordite—the standard smokeless powder used by the British military forces.

New sources had to be found for these important chemicals and new processes were developed for getting them. After the shortage had induced renewed research these basic chemicals were secured chiefly from two places—certain sea weeds found on the Pacific Coast, and a protein substance in the germ of corn kernels called zein.

During the war more than 1,500,000 gallons of aircraft "dope" was made in the United States.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

By Walter Gardner

For this week's horrible example of the evasions and distortions of the banker-owned film industry we have chosen "Broadway Bill."

There are two particularly interesting things about "Broadway Bill". It is the first film centering around a horse race which succeeds in making the horse race exciting. And it is well soaked in propaganda aimed to convince us that the American Big Business bandit is "just folks" after all, with a heart bigger than a Roosevelt pledge.

Now this achievement in the incredibly unimportant—making a horse-race exciting—has its importance. After all, to bring an audience to the point of cheers at a photographic representation of a four footed beast scampering over the dust, in the year 1935, must mean something. For one thing, it is a distinct technical triumph to succeed in building up so much interest in so trivial an incident. And an understanding of how this emotional interest is created should be part of the technical equipment of a revolutionary artist also.

But perhaps the extreme readiness of the audience to get so worked up over something so completely unrelated to the realities of their lives may be the really significant thing. The almost abnormal excitement which this film creates is a barometer of the increasing tension under which people are living. Under the influence of increasing economic pressure is developing a tremendous emotional resistance. In this case it finds its outlet in a zero. It is apparent that new and more intensive ways must be found and used, to direct this revolutionary energy into revolutionary channels. Otherwise it will find its vent in the destructive hysteria of fascist-led action.

Of some importance also is the capitalist propaganda of one of the central situations of this picture. An owner of all the industrial enterprises of a small town—including heavy industry plants—is represented as turning over his properties to their original individual owners, from whom he has taken them by hook or crook. This N. R. A. moral—help the small man—is, needless to say, one of Franklin's fairy tales, thoughtfully brought to life for the encouragement of the discouraged middle classes. It would not do to realistically represent these industries, not as part of a local one-man show (a rarity, if at all existing), but as individual units in nationwide monopolies or cartels, which is their true relation. A consideration of this might cause middle class people to think about their alliance of interests with the working class. And that would never do.

With relief, then, we turn to our own revolutionary art. And in connection with that we hear that Alfred Krembourg's great poem, "America, America", published some months ago in the New Masses, will soon be staged in San Francisco by worker's theatre groups, perhaps with some novel motion picture effects.

San Francisco I.W.O. Shows Way to Raise Defense Funds

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The Lenin Branch No. 119, of the International Workers' Order held a house party at which $55 was raised. $50 of this amount was donated to the I. L. D. for its defense campaigns. $5 is to be used to send its delegate to the Unemployment Conference in Sacramento.

The Lenin Branch has set an example for others to follow. House parties should be given to raise contributions and funds for the important campaigns being carried on in California at the present time by the I. L. D., especially the defense of the 18 workers in Sacramento who are now on trial on charges of Criminal Syndicalism.

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